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**Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)**

Thank you for your email of **26 July 2023** requesting the following information regarding measuring devices to detect sea levels:

***Please advise what steps have been taken to install gauges, and when such gauges will be installed. And if not why is KCDC refusing to gather basic information?***

Kāpiti Coast District Council has not installed sea level monitors. Currently in New Zealand relative sea level rise is measured via a series of tidal gauges throughout New Zealand and are associated with seven major ports in New Zealand. The closest one to Kāpiti is located in Wellington Harbour and maintained by Greater Wellington Regional Council. Absolute sea level rise is measured via remote sensing from satellites.

While we are the users of sea level rise data, we are not mandated or funded to be the collectors of this data. Data is collected by a range of nationally [NZ SeaRise] and internationally [iGlobal Sea Level Observing System] funded projects and includes relative and absolute sea levels. At a local level Kāpiti Coast District Council has been undertaking beach profile monitoring across the district since 2000 to record the changes in our coast during this time.

Kāpiti Coast District Council is not the appropriate organisation to be undertaking Sea Level monitoring and relies on the information provided by New Zealand and International experts.

Ngā mihi



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